

## Great Basin Coordinating Group Conference Call Notes

**Date:** 07/16/2017 **Time:** 0900 Mountain / 0800 Pacific

**Facilitator:** Dennis Terry

### Agenda Items:

#### Predictive Services Update:

Drier air will begin to make its way into the western fringe of the Great Basin on Sunday, pushing storm coverage to the south and east. The main areas of concern for dry lightning on Sunday are northern Nevada, northwest Utah and southeast Idaho. Storms will also develop further to the south and east, but with deeper moisture in place will be mostly wet.

On Monday, the focus shifts to the potential for gusty winds and low relative humidity across western Nevada. By Monday afternoon, wind gusts are expected to be in the 25 to 35 mph range, though gusts to 40 mph are possible in areas. This is particularly concerning due to the fact that dry thunderstorms are forecast for this area today and tomorrow. Dry lightning followed by low relative humidity and gusty winds in an area that has high fuel loading could lead to large fire growth.

Gusty winds are expected again Tuesday across western Nevada, though speeds will diminish somewhat. As the dry air continues its eastward progression Tuesday, storm activity will be confined to far southeastern Utah and the eastern portion of the Arizona strip.

Models suggest that moisture will surge northward into the far southern end of the Great Basin on Wednesday and continue to march northward through late next week, bringing a return of more widespread afternoon thunderstorm activity.

#### GB Coordinating Center Update:

- Moderate IA
- 28 New fires for 3684 acres
- Large Fire Growth: 80000
- Teams: 2 T1, 2 T2, WY T3 in staging at TWF
- Aircraft: 8 AT; 4 Scoopers; 26 SEATs, 3 LP, 10 T1 Helo: 0 available, 12 T2 Helo: 1 available in ID; 23 T3 Helo: 16 available for IA
- 23 Smokejumpers across 4 Bases
- Crews: 18 T1: All committed; 42 T2IA (Next 3 days, 11 timing out): 6 available; 17 T2: 6 available

#### NMAC:

- Not a lot of updates
- Heavy IA in Northern Rockies. PL4
- Good job of shuffling resources
- Watching weather and anticipated winds

#### GB MAC:

- Shuffling resources
- Crews and aircraft off of Draw going to MM155
- Water Tower: New start near Alpine, UT. Sending T1 Crew
- Aviation: Mike Reid:

**Basil**

**Gina Dingman**

**Ken Schmid**

**Dennis Terry**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Water Tower: Critical need for T1 Helo. Getting one from CA. National Guard has two Black Hawks available.</li> <li>○ ASAT: Justin Jager is Lead. Fills on other positions. In-brief 7/19 in the afternoon at GBC. Sue: Sharpen Delegation. Mike is working on draft and will send to Jessica on Monday for CG input.</li> <li>○ Three Air Attacks moved to Idaho in the afternoon for spread and IA.</li> </ul>		
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<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency Update</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Sue Stewart	<b>USFS Region 4:</b> Scatter IA on UWF, PAF, STF, SCF. Water Tower: Community of Alpine. 25 homes evacuated. High profile. Eastline: STF, 130 acres, Good retardant line, no needs. BTF: cool, green, snow in higher elevations. Prescribed Burn still inside boundary, 100 acre, some concern it could get larger, watching it before it is a problem. ROC: Request for PAF helo to LaGrande to transport 4 patients. No short haul. Gina: Update on PAF fire: Missouri, 10 acres, local T3 team	
Carlos Nosie Jr.	<b>BIA Western Region:</b> MM27, 100 acres, mop up	
Jessica Wade	<b>Utah BLM:</b> Nothing to Report	
Steve Shaw	<b>Nevada BLM:</b> Concern is MM155, a number of evacuations, flashy fuels	
Mike Morcom	<b>Idaho BLM:</b> Juni: Dozer line around, no acreage gain. New starts 6-7 miles SE Pocatello: Caddy 1: 250 acres, steep terrain, direct on North perimeter. Caddy 2: 40 acres, steep, inaccessible. Will get updates today on both.	
Rance Marquez	<b>Arizona BLM:</b> Nothing to Report	
Brett Ostler	<b>State of Utah:</b> Following Water Tower. 25 homes, 125 displaced. Governor's office involved and updated. Heard nothing official on National Guard request. Local T3 Team this afternoon.	
JT Wensman	<b>State of Idaho:</b> Nothing much on the R4 side. N ID: Heavy IA, T2 IMT for on incident and potentially a second IMT order for another. Corral Creek: request for aircraft took two hours to arrive – checking on this. May Activate NW Compact for Canadian resource to supplement.	
Ron Bollier	<b>State of Nevada:</b> Nothing to Report	
David Carter	<b>FWS:</b> Nothing to Report	
Steve Sorensen	<b>NPS Intermountain Region:</b> Nothing to Report	
Robin Wills	<b>NPS Pacific West:</b> Nothing to Report	
<b>Priorities from last night and IC Call:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Long Valley</li> <li>▪ Mile Marker 155</li> <li>▪ Water Tower</li> <li>▪ Snowstorm</li> </ul>		

- Bravo 17
- Cornucopia
- Roosters Comb
- Brianhead
- Juni
- Summer

**GBCG supports the priority list**

**Other Issues:**

- Jessica: ASAT: talking with Mike Reid. Draft Delegation out Monday afternoon.
- Mike Morcom: QA Agency Teams: Have they touched base on findings/feedback? Comment to NMAC: Not really being helpful to GACCs. How are they helping?
- Mike Reid: No feedback, challenge keeping track of them
- Steve Shaw: QA Team in NV was helpful. Not sure on the product, but face to face visits are good.
- Sue: Seconds request to NMAC that any team coming through the GB should coordinate through MAC to share what they are doing
- Steve Shaw: Will share NV Fire Behavior Advisory using LTAN and social media

**Date and Time of Next Call: 7/17 @ 0900 MT / 0800 PT**